

**§ 2461. Exchanges between United States and independent states of the former Soviet Union**

**(a) Financing of exchanges with repayments on Lend-Lease debts**

The President is authorized to negotiate and implement agreements with the independent states of the former Soviet Union under which repayments made by the independent states on Lend-Lease debts to the United States would be used to finance the exchange of persons between the United States and the independent states for educational, cultural, and artistic purposes. Exchanges authorized pursuant to this section shall be administered subject to the provisions of this chapter. Part of the funds repaid to the United States shall be in convertible currency for the purpose of paying the expenses associated with study and other exchange activities in the United States by citizens of the independent states.

**(b) Limitation on availability of funds**

Funds made available for the purposes of this section shall be available only to the extent and in the amounts provided for in an appropriation Act.

(Pub. L. 87-256, §113, as added Pub. L. 101-246, title II, §224, Feb. 16, 1990, 104 Stat. 56; amended Pub. L. 103-199, title III, §301(2), Dec. 17, 1993, 107 Stat. 2322.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

This chapter, referred to in subsec. (a), was in the original “this Act”, meaning Pub. L. 87-256, Sept. 21, 1961, 75 Stat. 527, as amended, known as the Mutual Educational and Cultural Exchange Act of 1961. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Short Title note set out under section 2451 of this title and Tables.

AMENDMENTS

1993—Pub. L. 103-199, §301(2)(A), substituted “Exchanges between United States and independent states of the former Soviet Union” for “United States-Soviet exchanges” in section catchline.

Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 103-199, §301(2)(B)–(E), substituted “agreements with the independent states of the former Soviet Union” for “an agreement with the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics”, “made by the independent states” for “made by the Soviet Union”, “and the independent states” for “and the Soviet Union”, and “in the United States by citizens of the independent states” for “by Soviet citizens in the United States”.

DEFINITIONS

In subsec. (a), independent states of the former Soviet Union and independent states have the meanings given in section 5801 of this title, see section 3 of Pub. L. 103-199, set out as a note under section 5801 of this title.

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This chapter is referred to in sections 2275, 2371, 2398, 4071c, 5424 of this title; title 5 sections 8332, 8334, 8411, 8422; title 20 sections 1087ee, 1092; title 26 sections 912, 3121, 3122, 6051; title 42 sections 292d, 292r, 297b, 405, 409, 410, 12639.

## § 2501. Congressional declaration of purpose

(a) The Congress of the United States declares that it is the policy of the United States and the

purpose of this chapter to promote world peace and friendship through a Peace Corps, which shall make available to interested countries and areas men and women of the United States qualified for service abroad and willing to serve, under conditions of hardship if necessary, to help the peoples of such countries and areas in meeting their needs for trained manpower, particularly in meeting the basic needs of those living in the poorest areas of such countries, and to help promote a better understanding of the American people on the part of the peoples served and a better understanding of other peoples on the part of the American people.

(b) The Congress declares that it is the policy of the United States and a purpose of the Peace Corps to maintain, to the maximum extent appropriate and consistent with programmatic and fiscal considerations, a volunteer corps of at least 10,000 individuals.

(Pub. L. 87-293, title I, § 2, Sept. 22, 1961, 75 Stat. 612; Pub. L. 95-331, § 2, Aug. 2, 1978, 92 Stat. 414; Pub. L. 99-83, title XI, § 1102(a), Aug. 8, 1985, 99 Stat. 272.)

## REFERENCES IN TEXT

This chapter, referred to in subsec. (a), was in the original "this Act", meaning Pub. L. 87-293, Sept. 22, 1961, 75 Stat. 612, as amended, known as the Peace Corps Act. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Short Title note set out below and Tables.

## AMENDMENTS

1985—Pub. L. 99-83 designated existing provisions as subsec. (a) and added subsec. (b).

1978—Pub. L. 95-331 inserted "particularly in meeting the basic needs of those living in the poorest areas of such countries" after "manpower".

## EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1985 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 99-83 effective Oct. 1, 1985, see section 1301 of Pub. L. 99-83, set out as a note under section 2151-1 of this title.

## EFFECTIVE DATE

Section 28, formerly section 27, of Pub. L. 87-293, as renumbered by Pub. L. 99-83, title XI, § 1105(a)(1), Aug. 8, 1985, 99 Stat. 276, provided that: "This Act [see Short Title note below] shall take effect on the date of its enactment [Sept. 22, 1961]."

## SHORT TITLE OF 1978 AMENDMENT

Section 1 of Pub. L. 95-331 provided: "That this Act [amending this section and sections 2501a, 2502, 2504, 2509, and 2510 of this title and enacting provisions set out as notes under sections 2501a and 2509 of this title] may be cited as the 'Peace Corps Act Amendments of 1978'."

## SHORT TITLE

Section 1 of Pub. L. 87-293 provided that: "This Act [enacting this chapter, amending section 2253 of former Title 5, Executive Departments and Government Officers and Employees, section 425 of Title 20, Education, sections 912, 1303, 3121, 3122, 3401, and 6051 of Title 26, Internal Revenue Code, and sections 405, 409, and 410 of Title 42, The Public Health and Welfare, and enacting provisions set out as notes under this section and sections 912 and 3121 of Title 26] may be cited as the 'Peace Corps Act'."

## EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 10924

Ex. Ord. No. 10924, Mar. 1, 1961, 26 F.R. 1789, relating to the establishment and administration of the Peace Corps, was superseded by Ex. Ord. No. 11041, Aug. 6, 1962, 27 F.R. 7859, formerly set out below.